

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF IOWA,

ASKING

A grant of land to aid in the construction of a canal from Iowa city to the mouth of Iowa river.

JANUARY 15, 1849.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, beg leave to ask the attention of Congress to the importance of an early improvement of the navigation of the Iowa river, and to represent that in their opinion the appropriation of a portion of the vacant public lands in the valley of the river to the construction of a canal from the seat of government of the State to the mouth of the Iowa, would be of incalculable benefit to the State as well as to the general government. The construction of such a work would bring to a speedy sale the entire public domain along the route, and secure to the interior of the State what its exigencies most seriously require, facilities for transportation to market its annually increasing surplus produce. The length of the proposed route is fifty-five miles, and it is believed that a similar appropriation to that made a year or two since for the improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines river, would be nearly if not quite sufficient to construct it.

Your memorialists therefore respectfully ask an appropriation of lands to aid in the construction of a canal from Iowa city to the mouth of the Iowa river, equal to five sections for each mile of said river, to be located in alternate sections five miles on each side of said river, or lands adjacent thereto, as the same may be conveniently obtained.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be requested to forward one copy of this memorial to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

SMILEY H. BONHAM,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN J. SELMAN,

President of the Senate.

Approved December 16, 1848.

ANSEL BRIGGS.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, IOWA,
Iowa city, December 19, 1848.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original now on file in said office.

JOSHIAH H BONNEY,
Secretary of State.

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